

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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<b>Title:</b>	<b>HIGH GRANULARITY PROMOTION-BASED AWARDS AND USE IN GAMING ENVIRONMENTS</b>		
		<b>Customer No.</b>	66880

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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action mailed May 1, 2008, for which a response is due August 1, 2008.

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 153-156, 158-166 and 168-171 are pending in the present application. Claims 153-156, 158-166 and 168-171 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 153-156, 158-166 and 167-171 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claims 153-155, 158-165 and 168-171 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Walker (U.S. Patent No. 6,227,972) in view of Crouch (U.S. Patent No. 5,580,053). Claims 156 and 166 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Walker (U.S. Patent No. 6,227,972) in view of Crouch (U.S. Patent No. 5,580,053) as applied to claims 153 and 162, and further in view of Walker (U.S. Patent No. 6,364,765). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims.